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In re application of:

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)**Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a legible copy of the following relevant art as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-245487 published in Japan on August 30, 2002.

The above-listed prior art is not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of this prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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